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SUBJECT: KAUNDA VISIT

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH GRAHAM AND ALLINSON GRAHAM SAID THAT IF THE ZAMBIANS RAISED THE QUESTION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, HE THOUGHT THAT HMG WOULD BE PREPARED TO BE FORTHCOMING. GRAHAM WAS TALKING ABOUT NEW RAPIER MISSILES, BUT HE SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE AS LONG AS 18 MONTHS TO INSTALL THEM. I SAID I THOUGHT THAT ALONG WITH, BUT BEFORE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, THIS WOULD DO MORE TO REASSURE KAUNDA THAN ALMOST ANYTHING THEY CAN DO.
2. ALLINSON AND I PRESSED GRAHAM TO GET HIM TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF A BROAD, LONG-TERM PROMISE ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AS BEING MORE IMPORTANT THAN IMMEDIATE MONEY, EVEN IF IT WAS NEW MONEY. WE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE PROMISE NOW AT THE TIME OF THE BILATERAL MEETING THAN LATER AT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING AT THE END OF JUNE.

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